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Cahn, Veroi Receive Society Medal Awards



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GUIDO VEROI SALTUS MEDALLIST

Italian medallist Guido Veroi was awarded the J. Sanford Saltus Medal at ceremonies held during the Annual Meeting of the ANS on January 14, 1984. Mr. Veroi becomes the first foreign resident to be recognized by the Society in this manner for outstanding achievement in the art of the medal.

The citation of Guido Veroi by the Saltus Committee was written by committee chairman Robert A. Weinman and delivered by Committee member Karen Worth.

"What appealed to the Saltus Committee about the work of Guido Veroi is his success at blending classical forms with a modern approach and emerging with a body of work that is consistently personal and of high quality. Throughout his work, the influence of the Italian renaissance medal is always felt, some-

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ANS CONFERENCE SLATED

The first annual Coinage of the Americas Conference will take place at the Society November 30-December 2, 1984. Inauguration of this ongoing series of conferences on narrowly defined topics was announced by Society President Harry W. Bass, Jr. at the 125th anniversary celebration.

Coinage of the Americas Conferences will bring together scholars, collectors and members of the general public for educational talks and exhibits on subjects of Western Hemisphere interest. The 1984 conference will be devoted to one of the most fascinating branches of American numismatics, the copper coinage of the United States from 1783 to 1857. Subjects to be examined will include state copper coinage, private and speculative coinage of the 1780s and 1790s, and American half cents and large cents.

The conference is being organized under the direction of Society Curator Richard Doty. Other members of the Conference Committee include George Ewing, Denis Loring, Eric P. Newman and Donald Partrick.

Call for Papers

The committee has issued a call for papers; those wishing to be considered should send a brief abstract describing the proposed topic to Mr. Doty at the Society. Each speaker will be limited to 20 minutes and publication of the papers by the Society is anticipated.

Space will be available in the Society's East Hall for exhibits relating to the theme of the conference. Although the Society will mount a display from its collection, most of the area will be devoted to exhibits from the collections of participants. Expressions of interest in exhibiting should also be directed to the attention of Mr. Doty.

HERBERT CAHN AWARDED HUNTINGTON MEDAL

Herbert A. Cahn of Basel, Switzerland, has been awarded the Society's Archer M. Huntington Medal for 1983. The Huntington Medal is awarded annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to numismatic scholarship.

Cornelius Vermeule, Curator of Classical Art at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, a former member of the Society's Council and a member of the Huntington Award Committee, presented the medal on behalf of the Society.



(Photo by George S. Cuhaj)

"Scion of an old Frankfurt numismatic family, for more than forty years Herbert Cahn has been a moving spirit of ancient numismatics and the other arts of antiquity in Basel. His family firm, Münzen und Medaillen A.G., has been a leader in authoring scholarly auction catalogues and special lists of

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SEMINAR, FELLOWSHIP DEADLINE MARCH 1

Candidates for participation in the Society's 32nd Annual Graduate Seminar in Numismatics are reminded that completed applications must be received at the Society by March 1, including the letters of recommendation solicited by the candidate.

Applicants must have completed at least one year's graduate study in Classics, Archaeology, History, Art History, Economic History, or other related disciplines. Junior faculty members with a degree in one of these fields are also eligible. Grants in aid of \$900, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman, are awarded to the ten students selected for participation in the seminar.

March 1 is also the deadline for applications for the Society's Fellowship for the academic year 1984/5. Announcements of both the seminar participants and the Fellowship recipient will be made by March 31. Applications are available directly from the Society.



Amandry Visiting Scholar

The Visiting Scholar for the 1984 Graduate Seminar will be Dr. Michel Amandry, who has been a curator at the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, since 1978. Dr. Amandry holds degrees from the University of Strasbourg and a doctorate from the Sorbonne.

His interests lie mainly in the late Greek early Roman coinage of the provinces, and he has published exten-

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sively in *Bulletin de correspondance hellénique*, *Schweizer Münzblätter*, and the recently inaugurated serial *Trésors monétaires*. He has also written a biography of Henry Cohen, whose work is well known to Roman specialists. Dr. Amandry will aid the Society's curatorial staff in counseling the students and will present lectures during the period of the seminar.

Also, Theodore P. Kiritsis, Old Lyme, CT; Richard L. Kirsch, Carrollton, MO; Toby Knight, Astoria, NY; Lynn Kroll, New York, NY; Arthur C. Leister, Camp Hill, PA; Denis Loring, New York, NY; Ronald J. Manganiello, New York, NY; Gregory W. McCormick, Hartford, CT; William H. McDonald, Willowdale, Canada; William P. McMurray, No. Stonington, CT; Thomas Miller, Santa Rosa, CA; and Susan R. Murar, Toronto, Canada.

Also, Emilio M. Ortiz, San Juan, PR; Richard Pasternack, New York, NY; Peter R. Peters, Uncasville, CT; John Pett, London, England; Hans Dieter Rauch, Vienna, Austria; Christopher Rubenstrunk, San Francisco, CA; William Thomas Rumph, Brooklyn, NY; William J. Schoener, Maplewood, NJ; and Edmund Schooler, Westport, CT.

Also, Sidney Schuster, Long Beach, NY; Larry B. Schwartz, Monroeville, PA; Seham M. El-Mahdi, Cairo, Egypt; Leroy H. Smith, Fremont, CA; William L. Snyder, Groveport, OH; Heriberto Suarez, Aguadilla, PR; Paul Sulc, Suffern, NY; Juan XII Suros, Chula Vista, CA; and Gary A. Swartz, Houston, TX.

Also, Thea H. Van Assendelft, Atlanta, GA; Clara Weinerth, Long Island City, NY; Louis J. Wepy, Brooklyn, NY; Anne W. Wheeler, Bridgewater, MA; Jane Welch Williams, Los Angeles, CA; John B. Yanco, Seaside Park, NJ; Keith M. Zaner, Sidney, OH; and David A. Zelnio, Lincoln, NE.

In addition, Gerard D. Casale of Arlington, MA, was reinstated as an Associate.

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SALLIE FRIED NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR

Sallie S. Fried of Brown University has been appointed Assistant Editor of the Society, filling the vacancy created when Marie Martin left for another position. Fried participated in the 1980 ANS Graduate Seminar, received the Society's doctoral Fellowship for the academic year 1981/2 and was awarded the Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from Brown in 1982. After receiving the doctorate, Fried was employed at a New York antiquities gallery where her responsibilities included catalogue preparation.

WHEATON J. LANE, 81

Wheaton J. Lane, a member of the Society's Council for 25 years, died in late November at the age of 81. Mr. Lane, a lifelong resident of Princeton, New Jersey, received his doctorate from Princeton University in 1935. An author, he supervised the research project which resulted in publication of the centennial *History of the ANS* in 1958, authored by Howard Adelson.

At its January meeting, the Society's Council recorded the following Minute in remembrance:

"Wheaton Lane had a long and admirable career in service to the American Numismatic Society. He was elected to the Society's Council in 1954, was appointed a member of the Finance Committee in 1956 and served as Third Vice-President of the Society during the period 1955-1964. On his retirement from the Council in 1979, Mr. Lane was elected Honorary Councillor for Life.

"The membership and governing Council of the American Numismatic Society take great pride in the accomplishments of Mr. Lane's life and mourn his death."

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ancient coins and Greek, Etruscan, and Roman art. For generations, Dr. Cahn has been the leader of these activities. His firm's foundation has supported research and publication by others.

"He has served as an editor of *Antike Kunst* and, more recently, of *Revue Suisse de Numismatique*, *Schweizer Münzblätter* and the *CIN Newsletter*, as well as being a founder of the Museum of Ancient Art in Basel. He was also a founder and Secretary of the International Association of Professional Numismatists. As a teacher he has been no less active, giving seminars in numismatics at Heidelberg for many years.

"In addition to many major catalogues and articles in learned journals, Dr. Cahn has written basic numismatic studies of Sicilian Naxos (1944) and Knidos in archaic and classical times (1970), as well as a pioneering monograph on Greek coins in the Archaic period (1947). He was one of the two editors of the honorary volume for Roland Hampe (1980) and his own shorter writings were collected in a volume edited by Hans Christoph Ackermann and published by P. von Zabern in 1975.

"Above all, it is as a person who has viewed the science of ancient numismatics from many aspects that we honor Herbert Adolph Cahn."

Cahn's Acceptance

In acknowledging the award, Dr. Cahn addressed the meeting as follows:

"Mr. President, dear friends of the ANS, ladies and gentlemen:

"With deep gratitude I hold in my hands the Archer Huntington Medal. Like most of my predecessors of this great honor I really feel that I did not do enough to deserve it. The list of my publications is meager and the yearly output much smaller than my expectations and hopes. At the same time I am, of course, proud of the award, especially to be the first Swiss to receive it.

"Please allow me to mention those teachers who shaped me as a numismatist and as an archaeologist who are no longer with us; I extend my gratitude to their memory: Julius Cahn, my uncle, under whose wings I started collaborating on coin catalogues as early as 1928; Willy Schwabacher, my cousin, who introduced me, in the late 1920s, to Greek coinage and particularly to the methods of die comparison; Kurt Regling who allowed me in 1931 and 1932 to

work in the magnificent Berlin collection; Ernst Langlotz and Ernst Pfuhl, my university teachers; Heinrich Hirsch, Jacob Hirsch and Leonard Forrer Sr. as coin dealers; after graduation—Andreas Alföldi, Paul Jacobsthal and John Beazley; and finally in my own generation three friends, younger than I, Konrad Kraft, Colin Kraay and Otto Mørkholm; their friendly advice and sharp criticism have always been a good lesson for me and it is sad to miss them.

"Well, I do not intend to put the medal in my collection but to keep it as a memento to continue numismatic research, particularly in conjunction with the historical study of ideas, art and economics, being always aware of the fact that our field is getting more and more isolated from neighboring disciplines. Numismatic teaching in universities is steadily reduced, mainly due to financial restrictions in the educational systems of our Western democracies. Familiarity with coins becomes less and less common amongst historians and archaeologists and our own knowledge in these matters is often patchy. I see another danger in our sometimes blind belief in statistical and scientific methods of research which are not familiar to

us.

"The ANS, as a private institution unique in the numismatic world, is the ideal instrument to counteract these dangers by its collecting, book collecting, publishing and teaching activities. I am particularly proud to feel at home in these rooms and to receive the Huntington medal.

"Thank you ladies and gentlemen, thank you, Leslie, for efficiency and courtesy; thank you, the three Charities of the Greek section, Margaret, Nancy and Carmen, for all their advice and help; thank you, Bill, for generosity and inspiration; thank you, Mike, for lively collaboration at the International Numismatic Commission, and thank you, all the other members, of the ANS staff for all your hospitality."

Display of Books

In conjunction with the award to Herbert Cahn, an exhibit of his principal numismatic and art historical writings, as well as significant auction catalogues, was placed on view in the East Exhibit Hall, arranged by the Society Associate Librarian Margaret D'Ambrosio



Herbert Cahn receives congratulations from Cornelius Vermeule, who presented the award on behalf of the Huntington Committee. (Coin World photo)

JAMES PACKER TO SPEAK AT SPRING MEETING

The featured speaker at the Society's Spring Members' Meeting on April 11 will be James Packer, Associate Professor in the Department of Classics at Northwestern University. The topic of this Joseph B. and Morton M. Stack Memorial Lecture will be "Trajan's Arch in Trajan's Forum: the Numismatic and Archaeological Evidence for a New Restoration."

Dr. Packer studied at the University of California at Los Angeles and at the University of California at Berkeley from which he received his doctorate in 1964. His major professional interest is Roman imperial architecture, city-planning, and archaeology, and most recently he has been involved in new excavations of Trajan's Forum in Rome. He is the author of *The Insulae of Roman Imperial Ostia*, which was published by the American Academy in Rome in 1971, and of numerous articles and reviews, and has lectured widely both in this country and abroad.

The Spring Meeting will begin at 3:00 PM in the Society's West Hall.

MØRKHOLM MEDAL ANNOUNCED

The Royal Coin Cabinet in Copenhagen has announced that a portrait medal is being created in memory of Otto Mørholm, Keeper of the Cabinet from 1960 until his untimely death in July 1983. Orders for the medal, to be cast in bronze, will be accepted until May 1 by the Royal Coin Cabinet, National Museum, DK-1220 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

THREE ELECTED TO COUNCIL

The three incumbent Council members were elected to new five-year terms at the Society's Annual Meeting: Roger A. Hornsby, Professor of Classics at the University of Iowa, Second Vice President of the Society, and Chairman of the Standing Committees on Publications as well as on Roman and Byzantine Coins; R. Henry Norweb, Jr., recently retired Director of the Holden Arboretum in Cleveland, a member of the Finance Committee and the Standing Committee on Modern Coinage and Currencies; and John J. Stodum, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Islamic and South Asian Coins.



(Photo by Eli Attor)

Persy Coronis Retires

Mrs. Persy E. Coronis, curatorial technician at the Society since 1962, retired at the end of 1983. Mrs. Coronis was responsible for a variety of tasks, including labeling, casting, coin cleaning and general assistance to the curators. The orderly state of the Society's collection owes much to her ongoing creation of neat, accurate labels

for the boxes used to house each individual object; scholars throughout the world have benefited from her skilled cast making, which averaged approximately 2,000 coins each year. In addition, Mrs. Coronis instructed students in the Graduate Seminar program on casting and cleaning techniques.

MARLENE ROCK NEW TECHNICIAN

Marlene Rock has been appointed Technician in the curatorial department, succeeding Persy Coronis who retired in December. Miss Rock is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Manhattan College in Riverdale and holds an M.A. and a Professional Certificate in Museum Studies from New York University. Her background includes work at Van Cortlandt Mansion Museum and, most recently, at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.



METCALF AT AIA MEETING

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the ANS, was the Society's representative at the joint meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association held in Cincinnati, December 27-30, 1983. One new feature of these meetings was a reception for alumni of the ANS Graduate Seminar and friends of the Society, which was sponsored by the Council and attended by about forty people.

Mrs. Waggoner, Curator of Greek Coins, was unable to attend, and Mr. Metcalf read her paper "The Alexander Mint under Audoleon of Paconia" at the session devoted to numismatics and epigraphy. Several former Seminar students also contributed to this session: John H. Kroll of the University of Texas (Seminar 1963) was chairman; Douglas Domingo Forasté of the University of California at Santa Barbara (Seminar 1983) delivered a paper on "The Fourth Century (B.C.) Mint at Anaktorion" and Frank L. Holt of the University of Houston (Seminar 1980) discussed "Ar Khanoum and the Question of Bactrian Independence." Other Seminar alumni were in attendance and several presented papers on non-numismatic topics.



Saltus Committee member Karen Worth admires Veroi exhibit with ANS Curator Alan M. Stahl
(Photo by George S. Cuhaj)

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times as a conscious allusion and sometimes as an underlying basis for the whole conception of the commemorative medal. The personality of the subject is always the primary concern of his portrait medals, both through the perceptive likeness of the portrait and through the emblematic references on the reverse. Yet Veroi is able to use the classical bases for work that is always fresh and free. There is no suggestion of academic following of outdated forms in his work; his approach is always original and spontaneous. Throughout Veroi's medallic work is a consistency of style that makes his creations recognizable, yet never monotonous. An outstanding aspect of Veroi's art is his sense of composition; his scenes are often of great movement, but always fit gracefully into the circular field of the medal.

Veroi is a true renaissance man. Trained as a civil engineer, he has studied medallic sculpture with Pietro Giampaoli, as well as relief sculpture with Publio Morbiducci and ceramics with Enzo Assenza. He has designed coins for Italy (including the first 500 lire piece), San Marino, and the Vatican. He has been awarded the Primo Premio for his philatelic design, and his designs for stained glass windows have been widely esteemed. His exposition on the process of medallic design for the journal *Medaglie* (no. 1971) is regarded as a classic. He is truly the type of sculptor who brings prestige to medallic art and a worthy

recipient of the Saltus Award."

Veroi's Acceptance

Unable to be present to receive the award in person, Mr. Veroi sent the following letter which was read by Alan Stahl, ANS Associate Curator of Medals:

"I have received your kind letter of October 8 last advising that I have been named the 1983 recipient of the J. Sanford Saltus Medal Award by the American Numismatic Society.

"I am very pleased to accept the honor as well as to understand I am the first artist outside the United States to be presented with the Saltus Award.

"I very much regret not to be able to personally receive the award in New York City, but I want to express my appreciation for the recognition which is one of the most distinctive achievements of my artistic life.

"I hope to have the opportunity to visit the United States in the future and thus to have the pleasure to meet all of you personally.

"In the meantime, please accept my best regards and wishes."

Veroi Works Exhibited

A retrospective exhibition of Veroi's work is on view in the Society's East Hall through February 24. Nearly 100 coins and medals are included in the exhibit which was organized and installed by Society Curator of Medals Alan M. Stahl.

ANS COUNCIL ISSUES POLICY STATEMENT

The Society's governing Council meets regularly four times each year to discharge its responsibility for the overall management of the ANS. Of particular interest to the Council are matters of policy in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.

At its January meeting, the Council reconfirmed the ongoing responsibility of the ANS to disseminate knowledge and information about numismatics. In keeping with this duty, the Council itself intends to take an even more active role in informing the membership and the general public on various matters of historical and educational importance in the numismatic field.

Resolution of the Council

The following resolution was voted by the Council at its January meeting for dissemination to the membership through the Society's *ANS Newsletter*:

"The Society, in keeping with its ongoing responsibility to disseminate knowledge and information regarding numismatics, informs the membership and the general public that in 1974, Theodore V. Buttrey published an article in the *Memorias de la Academia Mexicana de Estudios Numismaticos* entitled "False Mexican Colonial Gold Bars," vol. 3, no. 9 (July 1973-June 1974), pp. 21-42. Following a careful and systematic presentation of the evidence, Professor Buttrey concluded that the gold bars, purported to be of eighteenth-century Mexican origin, and therefore important for our understanding of the monetary history of the period, are modern fabrications.

"Notice of his article was given in the *Bulletin on Counterfeits*, vol. 4, no. 1 (Spring 1979), p. 6, which engendered correspondence as reported by E.G.V. Newman, then Director of the International Bureau for the Suppression of Counterfeit Coins, in the Winter 1979 issue of the *Bulletin*, p. 99. Mr. Newman noted in conclusion that "no scientific evidence has been made available to refute Professor Buttrey's remarks..."

"The Society's position is that this information is of such substantial educational value that it merits promulgation. The Society therefore expects its members to take cognizance of the foregoing information and to make the same available in any publication relating to these objects."

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- 12-15 Prime Computer Users Group Meeting, Baltimore, ANS represented by Michael L. Bates

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Executive Committee Meeting, 1:30
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Also, John R. Cox, White Bear Lake, MN; Peter L. Czinege, Washington, NJ; Eduardo Dargent C., Lima, Peru; Ricky L. Dembinsky, Saginaw, MI; Charles Jay Deur, Arlington, TX; John P. Donoghue, Lynn, MA; Joel D. Eisenstadt, Bronx, NY; Tilighman G. Fenstermaker, Jr., Allentown, PA; Robert Fuerman, O'Fallon, MO; Hideo K. Futahashi, Tokyo, Japan; James A. Gosling, Wellington, OH; and Alan Gugel, Avenel, NJ.

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